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The following is a resume of a document issued by the Politburo of the Communist Party of India (CPI) on 17 September 1950 and disseminated secretly to certain Party units.

1. A circular dated 30 August 1950 was issued by the Politburo of the Communist Party of India. In it was a recommendation of the CPI Central Executive Committee that a new seven-man Bengal Provincial Committee be established. The seven recommended were:

Dr. Ranen Sen

Biswanath Mukherjee

Jyoti Basu

Babban*

Amarulla*

Bhupal Panda, Agrarian Front worker, ex-Congressman from Midnapore

Narekrishna Kuar (aka Kongar), Agrarian front worker of Burdwan where he heads the Burdwan District Committee.

2. To implement this recommendation Rajeshwar Rao held meetings in Calcutta. When rank and file delegates objected to the dictatorial attitude of the recommendation, the meeting authorized an opinion poll. Subsequently, some 200 Bengal Communist units and 100 individuals were questioned. Some of the questions asked were:

- a. Should the suggested candidates be members of the Provincial Committee?
- b. Who else would be desirable candidates?
- c. Should a "short panel" be appointed to select a Provincial Committee?

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- d. Should the old Provincial Committee continue to function?
 - e. Should a commission be selected to appoint a steering committee to function temporarily as a Provincial Committee?
 - f. Should the Politburo appoint a Provincial Committee?
3. Twenty percent of the units and twenty-seven percent of the individuals questioned favored the election of a Provincial Committee prior to the Third Party Congress. Twenty percent of the units favored the old Provisional Committee. Thirty percent of the units and thirty-eight percent of the individuals either approved the suggested list as it stood, or with certain changes.** Six percent of the units expressed no opinion.
4. The opinion thus divided, Rao and the Central Committee decided upon setting up a Provisional Organizing Committee. This was to be done at a joint meeting of the Provincial Committee candidates and those Provincial Committee members who were elected in 1947. Excluded from this meeting were:
- a. Those Provincial Committee members who had gone to Pakistan.
 - b. Those who had become members of the Central Committee.
 - c. Harekrishna Kuar, who was undergoing an investigation by the Inquiry Commission of the Burdwan District Committee on charges of "tech. bungling." (sic). In excluding Kuar, the Central Committee expressed neutrality on the charges against him.
5. At the joint meeting on 16 September 1950, all seven of the Politburo candidates (paragraph one) were chosen for the Provincial Organizing Committee.***
6. A third CPI Party Congress will be held "shortly".****
7. The Dacca branch of the Communist Party, which used to be subordinate to the West Bengal Provincial Committee, now reports directly to the CPI Central Committee. However, through a coordinating committee, it has liaison with the West Bengal Provincial Committee.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. These are secret party cryptonyms for two Muslims not yet identified by the police. Amanulla may be the same as a prominent Communist Amanullah, reported arrested in mid-1949 by the police in Burdwan for anti-Congress activities.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. About 25 alternate names including Abdul Halim, Sushil Chakravarty, Bhabani Sen, Nasrullah Ansari and Mullick (fmu) were suggested. In all cases the Politburo candidates received the highest acceptance.

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*** [REDACTED] Comment. A Calcutta government official believes that Ranen Sen will probably be the Provincial Secretary. Also, some changes may have to be made because Jyoti Pasu (aka Bose) is now under police detention. [REDACTED]

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**** [REDACTED] Comment. The same Calcutta government official as above states that there has been some discussion within the CPI of a Congress in December 1950 or January 1951.

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